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by **rlaughton**

Posted: **Tue Jul 07, 2015 11:01 am**

There is an unknown Sergeant of the 43rd Battalion in Plot 8 Row B Grave 26 of the Railway Dugouts Burial Ground (Transport Farm).

There were four (4) Sergeants of the 43rd Battalion on the Menin Gate Memorial. It took some time to find the COG-BR documents for this cemetery but I finally found them and that solved the case. My thanks to Rifleman H. A. DEATH (what a name!) in 8.B.25, the neighbour of the Sergeant.

Sergeants Downie, Geoffrey and Wood were all killed at Passchendaele on October 26, 1917. Sergeant John Paterson #420998 was killed at Zillebeke on June 4, 1916.

The remains were recovered at Sheet 28 I24 a.6.4 which is an exact match for the location of the burial of Sergeant Paterson in a garden behind the cottage on the west side of the road, 100 yards north of the church. The site is 1.5 miles east-south-east of Zillebeke. The grave was registered, so I am not sure why they did not find the person previously.

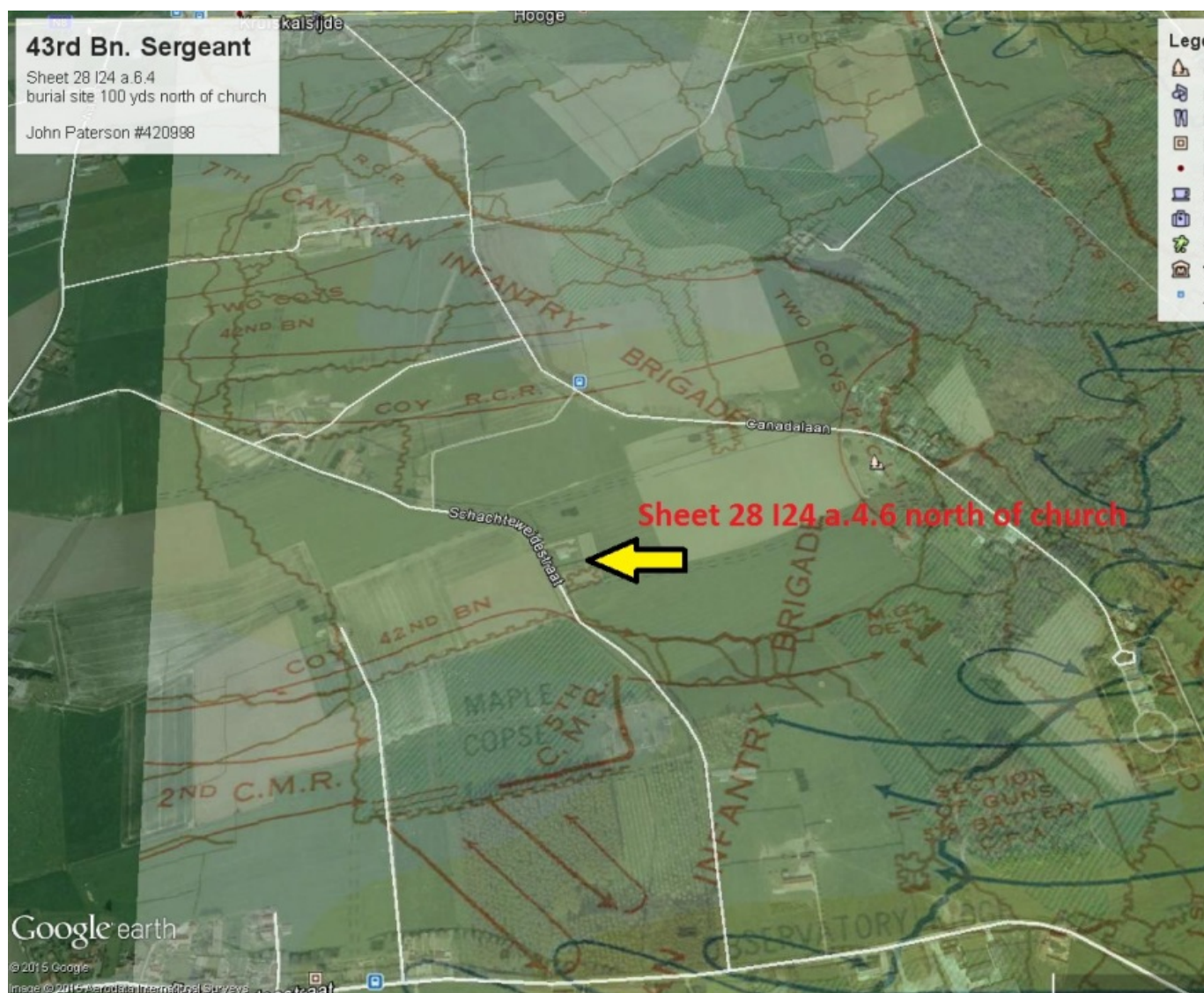
The Nicholson Overlay of Map 4a "The Battle of Mount Sorrel" on the modern day landscape shows the church is still at that area and the 9th Infantry Brigade moving through the area.

1. NO.	2. RANK OR RATING	3. SURNAME	4. CHRISTIAN NAME
420998,	Sergeant,	PATERSON,	John,
5. UNIT OR SHIP	6. DATE OF CASUALTY	7. R.Q. FILE NO.	8. PREVIOUS SERVICE
43rd Battalion.	4-6-16.	649-P-1661.	Presbyt.
9. CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASUALTY		10. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN	
"Killed in Action."			
11. LOCATION OF UNIT AT TIME OF CASUALTY			
TRENCHES EAST OF ZILLEBEKE.			
NOTE:- Items 12, 13 and 14 are not to be completed until grave is permanently located.			
12. CEMETERY	13. LOCATION OF CEMETERY	14. GRAVE LOCATION	15. GRAVE LOCATION
		Grave.	
		Plot.	
		Row.	
16. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TAKEN	17. EXPOSURE NO.	18. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE AND CEMETERY SUPPLEMENT	
19. FURTHER PARTICULARS ON REVERSE SIDE OF SHEET.			

24. REPORTED LOCATIONS OF GRAVE.

In garden behind cottage West side of road, 100 yards North of church, Zillebeke,
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles East South East of Ypres, Belgium. (Grave Registered.)

25. REMARKS.



ZILLEBEKE 1-31E

6/2556

ALL CROSSES ERECTED. CONCENTRATION OF GRAVES (Exhumation and Reburials).

BURIAL RETURN.

20.10.24.

1/39/33.E

Name of Cemetery of Reburial RAILWAY DUGOUTS BURIAL GROUND (TRANSPORT FARM) 28.I.21.c.6.8.

Plot	Row	Grave	Map Reference where body found	Was cross on grave?	Regimental particulars	Means of Identification	Were
8	B	24	28.J.14.a.80.10. ✓	No.	202. UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER. 123/Royal Engineers. ✓	Piece of Ground Sheet Mkd. 202. 123.R.R.	Pie She 123
8	B	25	28.J.13.d.70.85. ✓	No.	^{9/3} 20683. UNKNOWN BRITISH RIFLEMAN. 75/R.B. <i>14.16.10.14</i>	Clothing. Boots.	Pie -06
8	B	26	28.I.24.a.6.4. ✓	No.	UNKNOWN CANADIAN SERGEANT. 43/Camrons of Canada. ✓	Badge of Rank. Titles.	
8	B	27	28.J.13.b. 70.40. ✓	No.	UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER. M.G.C. ✓	Clothing. Titles.	
8	B	28	28.J.14.a.80.15. ✓	No.	UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER. ✓	Clothing.	
8	B	29	28.J.13.b.50.05. ✓	No.	UNKNOWN AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER. ✓	Clothing.	
8	B	30	28.D.25.c.5.6. ✓	No.	UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER. ✓	Clothing.	

Richard Stiles.
Registration Officer.
for Area Superintendent.
No.1 Area, I.W.G.C.

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Re: B127 43rd Bn. Sergeant John Paterson 8.B.26 - IDENTIFIED

by **fatford41**

Posted: **Tue Jul 07, 2015 11:53 am**

Any chance that the first man on the above Burial Return is actually a Canadian soldier?

When I see 123 Royal Engineers my mind keeps returning to 123rd Royal Grenadiers, who as quasi members of the 3rd Division, would have been in the area, same location, same time.

What about it Dan. Any of your guys MIA with no known graves from this action?

Just wondering...

Cheers
Bob

Re: B127 43rd Bn. Sergeant John Paterson 8.B.26 - IDENTIFIED

by **rlaughton**

Posted: **Wed Jul 22, 2015 7:08 am**

The report on Sergeant Paterson to the CWGC has now been prepared and this file has been moved to the HOLDING area, pending review prior to official submission to the CWGC Canadian Agency in Ottawa.

The report is now on the Media Fire site:

Sergeant John Paterson #420998

If you wish to view the PDF file on-line just click here.

I would appreciate input from any members who have the time to review the report, ask any questions and/or suggest any changes.

This finding occurred some time ago but I got side tracked looking at the files on the CWGC Agency list for those with unknown burials in Canada and the USA. It is my hope that those efforts will pay off in an offer from the CWGC Agency to allocate more resources to review our files and reports for those on the Vimy and Menin Gate Memorials.

Re: B127 43rd Bn. Sergeant John Paterson 8.B.26 - IDENTIFIED

by **2nd CMR**

Posted: **Wed Jul 22, 2015 11:53 am**

Bravo Richard!

It's a pity there is no easy way to notify the descendants of these men who you and others are identifying.

Re: B127 43rd Bn. Sergeant John Paterson 8.B.26 - IDENTIFIED

by **barberofcivil**

Posted: **Sat May 14, 2016 9:47 am**

I was looking into some unknowns at Railway Dugouts, and had come across the 43rd Bn Sergeant in 8.B.26. and the discussion here with the identity being submitted as Sgt John Paterson (420998). In independently reviewing this one and comparing with the conclusion here, I do have some questions or speculation.

In the submitted report, it is said that the location of the remains **28.I.24.a.6.4** match the location stated on the CoC.

However, in reviewing the CoC, his burial location is given as **"In garden behind cottage West side of road. 100 yards North of church, Zillebeke."**

At the location where the remains were found, I do not see any indication of a church on the old maps or in present day. The only church of note I have found would be the one in the town of Zillebeke. If this is the reference from the CoC, this would put Sgt Paterson buried at approximately **28.I.22.b.7.2** instead. This would also correspond to being **1-1/2 miles ESE of Ypres**, where Maple Copse area is closer to 2 to 2-1/2 miles.

In reading through the WD for the 9th & 10th Field Ambulances, it would seem to indicate that wounded may have been evacuated out of Maple Copse area to the village of Zillebeke. As he was buried at a very specific known location according to CoC, and seemingly in Zillebeke, it may make sense that this would be the case as well, that he was evacuated from Maple Copse to Zillebeke, and subsequently died and was buried there.

I have made a quick map of the relative locations of these:

Perhaps I am missing some other information here that would change my thoughts here and confirm that this is Sgt. Paterson.

On the other hand, if this is not Sgt. Paterson, then this leaves us back with an unknown 43rd Bn Sgt.

In June 1918, there were 3 other Sgts KIA from the 43rd:

- AULD, THOMAS GIBSON (420254)
- LOGAN, JOHN (420069)
- THOMSON, JAMES ARCHIBALD (420799)

AULD was wounded and known to have died at No 10. Stat Hosp, St. Omers, with a confirmed burial there.

LOGAN was identified and is located in Artillery Wood according to the CoG

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1/52/17 E

2.7.24.

CONCENTRATION OF GRAVES (Exhumation and Reburials).

BURIAL RETURN.

ALL CROSSES ERECTED

Name of Cemetery of Reburial *Boesinghe* **ARTILLERY WOOD CEMETERY, 28.C.1.c.3.8.**

Plot	Row	Grave	Map Reference where body found	Was cross on grave?	Regimental particulars	Means of Identification	Were	
	12	C	19	28.D.4.a.40.55. ✓	No	UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER ✓ Northants Regt.	Titles & Clothing	
	12	C	20	28.I.29.c.70.35. ✓	No	UNKNOWN BRITISH OFFICER ✓ E.Surrey Regt.	Buttons & Clothing	
	12	D	1	28.I.29.c.70.40. ✓	No	UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER ✓	Clothing	
P.	12	D	2	28.I.29.c.70.30. ✓	No	19855 UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER ✓ E.Surreys.	Titles & Spoon mkd.10853.E.S.	Pl
P.	12	D	3	28.I.29.c.70.45. ✓	No	UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER ✓ (Initials "H.B.H.")	Clothing & Cigarette Case mkd."H.B.H.",	P. C.
P.	12	D	4	28.D.25.a.7.5. ✓	No	<i>28.W.HUTCHISON</i> 19712 UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER A. & S.Hdrs. <i>K/A 22.8.14.</i>	Kilt & Boots mkd. 19712 A. & S.	Pl. Pa
P.	12	D	5	28.I.29.c.65.45. ✓	No	UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER ✓	Clothing	
P.	12	D	6	28.I.18.c.85.10. ✓	No	420069 Sgt. J. LOGAN 43/Bn.C.E.F. - <i>K/A 11-6-16.</i> <i>Rd/43157</i>	2 Damaged Discs	2 Da

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Though in a side note on this one, it is curious that his remains were located at 28.I.18.c.85.10 in the area of Hooze (as were two other unknown 43rd Bn Soldiers beside him) when his CoC and the 43rd Bn WD would indicate he was buried at 28.I.24.b.5.2 near Maple Copse.

This would leave THOMSON. He is located on a special memorial at Maple Copse Cemetery as known to be buried there, though remains and specific grave were not located.

COMPREHENSIVE REPORT.

Army Form

GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT FORM.

D.A.D.G.R. & E. Central Sub-District.

No. 5. District.

REPORT No. *4*

SCHEDULE No. *1*

PLACE OF BURIAL

MILITARY

PLACE OF BURNAL **MAPLE COPSE BRITISH CEMETERY.**

Commune ZILLEBEKE.

Map Reference **Sheet 28.I.24.c.3.9.**

The following are buried here:—

Regiment	No.	Name	Rank and Initials	Date of Death	Cross Erected or G. R. U
The following Officers, N.C.O.'s, and Men, are known to be buried in this enclosure. Continued.					
1/Gdn. Bn.	⁴⁰⁶⁵⁴⁶ 406436	THORNE	^{CRP} Sgt. R.P.	^{5/20/49} 25/4/18	✓
4/E. Yorks.	4455	-THACKER	Pte. F.	6/2/18	✓
6/W. Fus.	2286	-TODD	L/c. J.W.	12/3/18	✓
49/Gdn. Bn.	418735	TYLER	Pte. S.S.	25/3/18	✓
15/Gdn. Bn.	³²³ 23829	THUOT	Pte. E.	14/5/18	✓
42/Gdn. Bn.	440614	THOMAS	Pte. W.	22/8/18	✓
43/Gdn. Bn.	420799	THOMPSON	Sgt. J.	10/8/18	✓
4/Yorks. Regt.	1812	-TYREMAN	Pte. G.W.	2/3/18	✓
-do-	1815	-TYREMAN	Pte. F.	27/2/18	✓
5/Gdn. Pnrs.	406543	UDELL	Pte. G.	15/4/18	✓
13/Gdn. Bn.	40890	VIENS	Pte. A.	21/5/18	✓
10/Lances. F.S.	5919	-WOODS	Pte. J.J.	14/11/15	✓
1/5 th L.H. Lances	2622	-WORTHINGTON	Pte. W.	20.6.15	3/2534
4/E. Yorks.	1360	-WRIGHT	Sgt. G.W.	27/2/18	✓
4/Yorks.	1126	-WILKS	Pte. A.	28/2/18	✓

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Card made for 'Workington' 9.10.22

When a soldier such as this is given the special memorial as "known to be buried in this cemetery", what is this based on? I can't find any other information yet that would confirm this to be the case. Unfortunately he is of the group with CoC cards missing, so there is no further information that can be gathered there. Could it be that his death and/or burial were noted as being buried in the general area, but perhaps not specifically in Maple Copse Cemetery and that the unknown remains are his?

Perhaps someone in the Zillebeke area has a shovel and wants to do some late night digging in a cottage garden... 🇩🇪

Re: B127 43rd Bn. Sergeant John Paterson 8.B.26 - IDENTIFIED

by jayelbee

Posted: Sat May 14, 2016 12:32 pm

When a soldier such as this is given the special memorial as "known to be buried in this cemetery", what is this based on? I can't find any other information yet that would confirm this to be the case. Unfortunately he is of the group with CoC cards missing, so there is no further information that can be gathered there. Could it be that his death and/or burial were noted as being buried in the general area, but perhaps not specifically in Maple Copse Cemetery and that the unknown remains are his?

"Known to be buried in this cemetery" meant that the person was recorded as buried at that location, often with a marked grave, but it could not be definitively located after the war. Maple Copse Cemetery was just a few hundred yards behind the front line at Sanctuary Wood in 1916. It was within sniper range. Using RWS Bellhouse, 421103 and Joseph Birss, 153142 as examples, the 43rd Bn War Diary recorded their deaths. Their CoD and GR cards noted the map references of their burials, with specific mention of Maple Copse Cemetery. By the time of the Mount Sorrel attacks in June 1916, the cemetery was heavily shelled. By 1919, it looked like this:



Having visited Maple Copse, I can tell you that almost all the markers aligned in the typical neat rows bear the notation "Known to be buried in this cemetery". The very few that do not are scattered, just as the above photo suggests. (See also a previous thread entitled "Headstone Engraving".)

Cheers, Jim

Re: B127 43rd Bn. Sergeant John Paterson 8.B.26 - IDENTIFIED

by rlaughton

Posted: Sat May 14, 2016 12:47 pm

Questions have been PM'd to me about this case ([Good, I see they are now posted here](#)). I have been reviewing it now for several hours and I can make a few comments as we await the posting of the questions.

1. Most importantly, anyone can review a report at any time and make comments or ask questions. It does not matter what stage the report is at, even if it has been submitted to the CWGC agency, with or without reviews by others. We have amended reports in the past and we have actually withdrawn reports.
2. The report in question was submitted in July 2015. Things often appear different (*i.e. mistakes are more obvious*) after you have not read the report for some time. For example, point #1 in the report should say the site is 1.5 miles east-south-east of Ypres, not Zillbeke.
3. The image shown in Attachment #3 (*Google Earth*) I believe shows **Maple Lodge** (28.I23.b.6.4) and not a building that I took to be the cottage (28.I.24.a.6.4).
4. There is only one candidate for this case, if the CWGC records are correct, as only Sergeant Paterson is missing and on the Menin Gate Memorial for action in this area. I have placed a number of files that I retrieved today for this review into the folder for those that are reading:

B127 43rd Bn. Sergeant Paterson

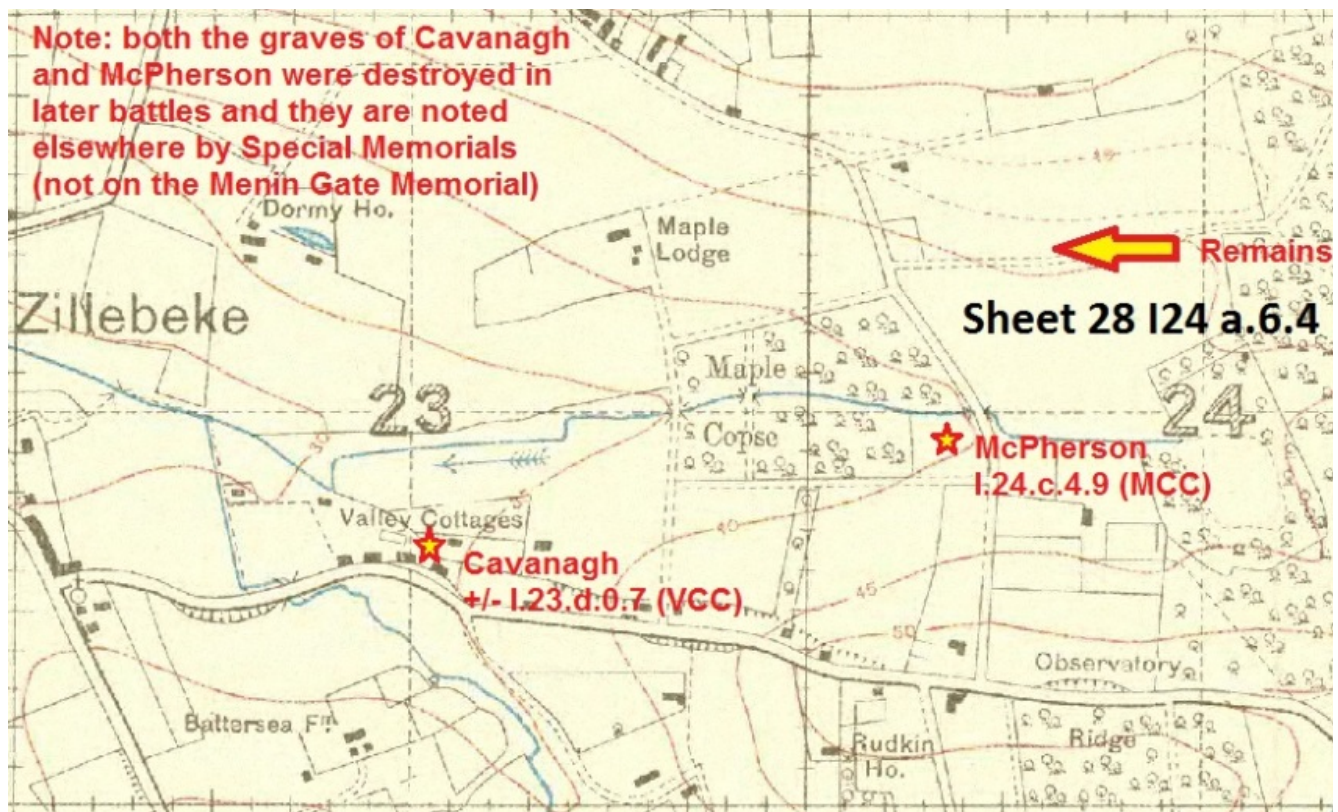
5. The War Diary of June 4, 1916, which I did not use in the initial report, says that an unknown explosion occurred in the armourers shop and I would interpret from that the Sergeant that was wounded was Sergeant Paterson, who must have subsequently died. He was a carpenter, an Original Corporal, when he attested so he had some skills: (last line)

421040	Private.....	Palmer, William Arnold.....	Territorials.....	Palmer, Mrs. Janet E.....	631 Corydon Ave., Winni
420893	Private.....	Panting, William.....	100th Regt.....	Panting, John.....	Carswell Marsh, nr. Fari
420777	Private.....	Park, Oliver Battie.....	Territorials.....	Park, James.....	223 Canterbury Rd., Gill
420894	Private.....	Parker, Arthur.....	Nil.....	Not stated.....	Not stated.....
420214	Private.....	Parker, Henry Adamson.....	Nil.....	Madigan, Mrs.....	1 Beech Grove, Scriven,
420963	Private.....	Parker, John.....	Imp. Forces.....	Parker, Mrs. Janet Thompson.....	92 Ratlock St., Larkhall,
420335	Corporal.....	Parker, Percy Leonard.....	Nil.....	Parker, Mrs. Sarah.....	60 Stoneham Rd., Hove,
420587	Sergeant.....	Parks, William James.....	Aust. Defence.....	Parks, Mrs. A.....	61 Lydia St., Winnipeg, M
421096	Private.....	Parle, John Thomas.....	Imp. Forces.....	Parle, Mrs. Josephine.....	Souris, Man.....
420998	Corporal.....	Paterson, John.....	79th Regt.....	Paterson, Mrs. Marion.....	426 Rose Ave., Winnipe

6. There were 4 other ORs killed and I have checked their files. The ones that were buried were in cemeteries that were later obliterated in battle, thus many are on Special Memorials in nearby existing cemeteries. Note that those graves receive the Special Memorial "F" (Kipling Memorial), they do not go on the Menin Gate Memorial. That is to clarify that they had a known grave initially and it is now lost as a result of subsequent battles.

			WAR DIARY OR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY	43rd Canadian Battalion. Cameron Highlanders of Canada
			(Erase heading not required.) for June 1916.	
Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	
"D" Camp. G.34. OTTAWA.	1-6-16.	3.00p.m. 10.55a.m.	Enemy aircraft over camp, numerous M.Guns heard firing at it also anti-aircraft guns. Bullet passed over Officers quarters, apparently coming from rifle range some distance in rear. Observation balloon seen drifting, enemy opened heavy fire on it.	
"	2-6-16.	10.a.m. 6.20p.m.	Ordered to "Stand To". Bn. fall in ready to move. Bn. moves to Camp "E". Bn. moves to BELGIAN CHATEAU. Aeroplanes active over camp. Guard left at Camp "D" to look after stores. Weather fine and warm. Casualties 8 O.R. wounded.	
BELGIAN CHATEAU.	3-6-16.	2.a.m. 12.Midnight.	Bn. moved up to ZILLEBEKE BUND. Ordered to "stand To" ready to move. Bn. moves up to ZILLEBEKE VILLAGE. Casualties. 6. O.R. wounded.	
YPRES SALIENT.	4-6-16.	3.a.m. 1.p.m.	Arrive at ZILLEBEKE TRENCHES. Receive Orders to occupy DURHAM LANE from MAPLE COPSE to southern extremity of SANCTUARY WOOD. Enemy began heavy bombardment of S.O.H.E. and shrapnel putting a barrage on ZILLEBEKE VILLAGE and upper end of FROMENADE. Enemy opened a heavy rifle and M.Gun fire and commenced an attack on MAPLE COPSE and BORDER LANE which was immediately met by rifle and M.Gun fire from our companies. The attempt was not pressed by the enemy. Explosion occurred in armourers shop at Transport Lines wounding Arm/Sergeant and a bandsman, no trace of what caused the explosion could be found. Casualties 1 Officer wounded 4 O.R. Killed, 57 O.R. wounded. Wind. South Strong.	
"	5-6-16.	3.15p.m.	Bn. in ZILLEBEKE TRENCHES. Orders received to occupy S.P.17 also to organize an attack and retake S.P.14 this evening. Water was delivered to men in front line in petrol tins. 18 men detailed to act as carrying for wounded P.P.C.L.I., 40th and C.M.Rs. lying around LOVERS WALK. Wind South West. moderate. Casualties. 2 Killed, 12 wounded.	
"	6-6-16.	5.35.p.m.	Reinforcements moving forward. 2 Platoons of 58th Bn. ordered to MAPLE COPSE to take up position from S.P.16 running north and facing east. Will dig themselves in and hold on to the last. 2 Platoons 58th Bn. ordered to report to O.C. "D" Coy. 43rd Bn. each man to carry 4 bandoliers ammunition. Steady bombardment. Wind. South West. Casualties. 8 Killed, 39.0 Wounded.	

The death records for those men are in the folder mentioned above. McPherson was in the Maple Copse Cemetery and Cavanagh in the Valley Cottages Cemetery. I imagine the same applies to many of the other areas in I23 and I24.



7. I can not explain why the files for Sergeant Paterson say he was buried behind a cottage in Zillebeke, nor if that was the case why they did not look for him at that location? I put all the

Google links, including pictures of the area in the KMZ file that is in the folder (or direct download). If you double click the letter balloons the "Street View" images will open. I see two possible alternatives here, the first being that he was not buried in that location, as if he was he would not have been at 28.I.24.a.6.4. The second alternative was that he might have been the wounded Sergeant, went to an Field Ambulance in Zillebeke, died and was later buried with the rest of the men on Durham Lane.

8. The REAL PUZZLE is if he was buried behind the cottage, then what Sergeant was recovered in the fields between Maple Copse and Sanctuary Wood? Could it have been Corporal Bousfield who had been promoted in the field? NOPE we already found him, REPORTED and he too was reported to have been buried behind the same cottage. If true, it is a repeat of the error as he was exhumed close to Paterson at 28.I.22.b.8.3. Much like the case of CA40, someone is copying burial locations from one file to another! Bousfield and Bottomley were both evaluated and it was clear it was Bousfield, the Signaller.

p.s. this is a Special Memorial F headstone:



Photo courtesy of Marg Liessens
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UPDATE:

Back when this report was completed I did not have Norm Christie's books on "Sacred Places". Out of curiosity I went back to the Belgium issue just now to see if he had anything to say about Sergeant Paterson. Indeed he did - it is reported on page 168 of Volume 1. To the best of my knowledge, NC did not file reports on any of the cases he felt were resolved, he just wrote as he did here "*Therefore he is the UCS buried in VIII.B.26*". There is no indication as to whether he had to consider the same issue of the Cottage burial?

I will add this to the list of ones that NC has identified but not reported. Apparently I need to go through this 3 volumes and find all the others. There is no benefit from the NC mentions as there are no reports and "no report" means "no action" at the CWGC Agency in Ottawa. I did check to see if there was mention of Pte. Bousfield in Bedford House Enclosure #4 - there is not.

Re: B127 43rd Bn. Sergeant John Paterson 8.B.26 - IDENTIFIED

by **barberofcivil**

Posted: **Sat May 14, 2016 2:14 pm**

With respect to the special memorials, I do notice from the GRRF, that there are several that were originally listed but struck off when remains were found elsewhere and didn't get a special memorial. A good example is ARCHIBALD MACDONALD, also of the 43rd, who died June 11, 1916.

COMPREHENSIVE REPORT.

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No. 5. District.

REPORT No. **4**

SCHEDULE No. **11**

PLACE OF BURIAL **MILITARY**
MAPLE COPSE BRITISH CEMETERY.

Commune **ZILLEBEKE.**

Map Reference **Sheet 28.I.24.c.3.9.**

10 DE

The following are buried here:—

Regiment	No.	Name	Rank and Initials	Date of Death	Cross Erect or G. R. U
The following Officers, N.C.O.'s, and Men, are known to be buried here. (Continued)					
C.M.R.		Mc DONALD	Lt. N.M.	19/5/16	
42/Gdn. Bn.	441816	MARTIN	Pte. G.	19/8/16	✓
-do-	441801	MAY	L/o.W.I.	19/7/16	✓
-do-	441231	MARSHALL	Pte.W.V.	14/7/16	✓
2/Gdn. Tunn. Co.	159141	McLEAN	Spr. T.	14/2/17	✓
43/Gdn. Bn.	153066	McPHERSON	Pte.W.M.	4/6/16	✓

60/Cdn. Bn.	444894	McRAE	Pte. H.W.	25/5/16	✓
43/Cdn. Bn.	153448	McDONALD	L/c. A.	11/6/16	✓
1/Cdn. Bn.	6943	NESBITT	Pte. R.	25/4/16	✓
3/Worcester Regt.	8377	NEW	L/c. A.	29/8/15	✓
5/C.M.R.	111398	NUTLER	Pte. L.W.	25/3/16	✓
R.W. Kents.	6652	PECK	Pte.	24/2/16	✓
P.P.C.I.I.		POPE	Lt. C.A.	7/5/16	✓
7/H. Fus.	1596	PRINGLE	Pte. R.	3/2/16	✓

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He was originally listed in the group for Maple Copse but was struck off when his remains were found elsewhere and he was buried at Sanctuary Wood.

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ZILLEBEKE 317-46E

CONCENTRATION OF GRAVES (Exhumation and Reburials).

ALL CROSSES ERECTED 1/78/49.F. 17.3.27.

BURIAL RETURN.

SANCTUARY WOOD CEMETERY EXTENSION. 28. I. 24. b. 1. 6

Name of Cemetery of Reburial

Plot	Row	Grave	Map Reference where body found	Was cross on grave?	Regimental particulars	Means of Identification	Were
3.	H.	13.	SANCTUARY WOOD CEMETERY EXTENSION. 28.I.24.b.55.15. ✓	No.	153448 L/cpl. A. McDonald UNKNOWN CANADIAN L/CORPORAL 43/ Canadians. 11. 6. 16.	Collar Badges. Badge of Rank. Clothing.	Y CO BA

NOTE:— These remains were found during the work of excavation for the Re-Interment of Isolated remains in this cemetery.

[Signature]
Registration Officer,
No.1. Area I.W.G.C.

ENTERED 29-3-27
No. 1. IPS CHECKED 1/4/27

This form to be made out in triplicate, two copies being handed to the D.A.D. (C. of G.) and the other retained by the Bur

Hi actual remains were located at 28.I.24.b.55.15, well away from Maple Copse and actually further

away than our unknown Sergeant. Based on this I think there is still good chance that the info on PATERSON being in Zillebeke is correct and that this could still be THOMSON.

Re: B127 43rd Bn. Sergeant John Paterson 8.B.26 - IDENTIFIED

by **rlaughton**

Posted: **Sat May 14, 2016 3:30 pm**

Good find and important information!

The same would apply to Bousfield if it applies to Paterson, so we need to find the answer.

A important step would be to find out if the cemetery at the COTTAGE was exhumed after the war and the bodies moved elsewhere.

We have a local contact in Ypres, I will need to look up the name - member here. There is also Luc who covers Belgium and he is active and may have information.

We do know that they did not alter the graves in the church cemetery:

[http://www.cwgc.org/find-a-cemetery/cem ... CHURCHYARD](http://www.cwgc.org/find-a-cemetery/cem...CHURCHYARD)

There are 6 Canadians there, including Lt. Watson of the 43rd from 10 June 1916.

Re: B127 43rd Bn. Sergeant John Paterson 8.B.26 - IDENTIFIED

by **barberofcivil**

Posted: **Sat May 14, 2016 3:54 pm**

Later or tomorrow when I am home, I'll go through some of the other special memorials that have been removed. I have found a couple of others on th original list that are similar and buried elsewhere such as BONE and MATHESON.

Would be interesting to find another soldier with a similar burial notation close to the church maybe.

Re: B127 43rd Bn. Sergeant John Paterson 8.B.26 - IDENTIFIED

by **barberofcivil**

Posted: **Sun May 15, 2016 3:21 pm**

I went through some of the other soldiers who were in the initial list for Maple Copse but removed without a special memorial:

1. Corporal WALTER BELL (2033), Durham Light Infantry, 1st/8th Bn.
 - Remains found at: Ypres Reservoir 10.D.18
 - Burial: MAPLE COPSE CEMETERY (II. D. 4.)
2. Private M S BONE (2207), Durham Light Infantry, 8th Bn.
 - Remains found at: 28.I.24.c.9.4
 - Burial: ZANTVOORDE BRITISH CEMETERY (III. B. 13.)
3. Lieutenant THOMAS HATTON (), 52nd Bn.
 - Remains found at: Ypres Reservoir 10.D.20
 - Burial: MAPLE COPSE CEMETERY (II. C. 2.)
4. Lance Sergeant H MATHESON (438677), 52nd Bn.
 - Remains found at: 28.I.24.a.0.2
 - Burial: ZANTVOORDE BRITISH CEMETERY (III. B. 7.)
5. Corporal OTIS MURREL MEISTER MEISTER (46326), 13th Bn.
 - No Concentration of Graves record
 - Burial: MAPLE COPSE CEMETERY (I. D. 2.)
6. Lieutenant N M MACDONALD (), 5th CMR,
 - No Concentration of Graves record

- Burial: POPERINGHE NEW MILITARY CEMETERY (II. G. 8.)
- 7. Private ARCHIBALD MacDONALD (153448), 43rd Bn.
 - Remains found at: 28.I.24.b.55.15
 - Burial: SANCTUARY WOOD CEMETERY (III. H. 13.)
- 8. Private LIONEL WELLINGTON NUTTER (111398), 5th CMR,
 - Remains found at: 28.I.24.c.3.9 (North boundary of Maple Copse Cemetery)
 - Burial: MAPLE COPSE CEMETERY (II. E. 9.)
- 9. Major NORMAN CAMPBELL PILCHER (), 5th CMR
 - No Concentration of Graves record
 - Burial: POPERINGHE NEW MILITARY CEMETERY (II. G. 7.)

Re: B127 43rd Bn. Sergeant John Paterson 8.B.26 - IDENTIFIED

by **barberofcivil**Posted: **Mon May 16, 2016 12:36 pm**

After reading through the thread on Bousfield viewtopic.php?f=74&t=13166, I did a scan through the Bedford House CoG for others found at similar locations. There are a few UBS, but there is also another 43rd Bn soldier located very close.

Bousfield is listed at 28.I.22.b.8.3 while the other 43rd soldier is listed at 28.I.22.b.8.4, and is buried at Bedford House 11.E.1:

26.COPY. ZILLEBEKE 64-346E.
1/9/15SE.

ALL CROSSES ERECTED.
14-2-22.

CONCENTRATION OF GRAVES (Exhumation and Re-burials).

BURIAL RETURN.

Name of Cemetery of Re-burial BEDFORD HOUSE CEMETERY ENCL:No.4,ZILLEBEKE 28.I.26.a.

Plot	Row	Grave	Map Reference where body found	Was Cross on Grave?	Regimental particulars.	Means of Identification.	Wei fo:
P.11.	E	1	28.I.22.b.8.4.	No.	UNKNOWN CANADIAN SOLDIER 43rd Bn. CANADIAN SCOTTISH	Titles and Clothing 1 gold crown tooth upper 1 gold crown tooth lower	No.
P "	E	2	28.I.34.b.8.7.	"	UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER Yorkshire Regt.	Titles & Clothing	No.
P "	E	3	28.D.19.a.7.8.	"	8987. UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER. Cameron Hldrs.	Boot stamped 8987 & Titles.	Yes EF/
P "	E	4	28.D.21.c.7.6.	"	UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER "K.W." Gordon Hldrs.	Titles & Knife inscribed "K.W."	Yes piec
"	E	5	28.D.21.c.7.8.	"	UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER Royal Fus.	Titles & Clothing	No.
P "	E	6	28.I.28.c.05.40.	"	UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER R.F.A.(Driver)	Clothing & Equiptm	No.

(Sgd) F.R.Cleev
Asst.Regst.Officer.
For area Superintendent.
No.1.Area.I.W.G.C.

I then checked through CoC (as available) and War Graves Registers the records of 43rd Bn soldier who died between 1 Jun and 20 Jun, and who are either missing (Menin Gate) or were given a Kipling memorial at MCC. Most are indicated as being buried in the Maple Copse area (28.I.24) or nearby. Sgt. Paterson is the only one who has a similar location inscription of the **Cottage Garden** in Zillebeke.

Is it possible then that this other unknown 43rd soldier buried at Bedford House 11.E.1 is Sgt PATERSON, and that he was not identified as a sergeant exhumed?

Re: B127 43rd Bn. Sergeant John Paterson 8.B.26 - IDENTIFIEDby **rlaughton**Posted: **Mon May 16, 2016 2:44 pm**

Both MacDonald and Pilcher were exhumed from Maple Copse. I put their COD files in the folder:

B309 Maple Copse Mysteries

In my wee mind that adds to the mystery of Maple Copse Cemetery. Why were they exhuming bodies from Maple Copse and then bringing in bodies from other cemeteries? Perhaps they thought it was so badly damaged that it had to be removed/closed and then they changed their minds?

There is as story behind this process.

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